

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,
and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-45 (Canceled)

1 Claim 46 (previously presented): A method for processing
2 search results, the method comprising acts of:

3 a) receiving search results that have been generated
4 based on a query that includes one or more keywords;

5 b) receiving at least one of the one or more
6 keywords; and

7 c) generating a set of final search results from the
8 search results that were received, the act of
9 generating being performed by using one or more
10 segments of the search results, wherein each of the
11 one or more segments used includes at least one of the
12 one or more keywords.

1 Claim 47 (previously presented): The method of claim 46
2 wherein the act of generating a set of final search results
3 includes

4 1) determining, using the one or more keywords,
5 whether or not a candidate search result is
6 similar to a search result already in the set of
7 final search results, and

8 2) if it is determined that the candidate search
9 result is similar to a search result already in
10 the set of final search results, then not adding
11 the candidate search result to the set of final
12 search results.

1 Claim 48 (previously presented): The method of claim 46
2 wherein the act of generating a set of final search results
3 includes

- 4 1) determining, using the one or more keywords,
5 whether or not a candidate search result is
6 similar to a search result already in the set of
7 final search results, and
8 2) adding the search results to the set of final
9 search results only if it is determined that the
10 candidate search result is not similar to any
11 search results already in the set of final search
12 result.

1 Claim 49 (currently amended): Apparatus comprising:

- 2 a) at least one processor; and
3 b) at least one storage device storing [[A
4 ~~computer-readable medium including machine]] processor~~
5 executable instructions which, when executed by the at
6 least one processor [[a-machine]], processes search
7 results by:

- 8 1 [[a]]) receiving search results that have been
9 generated based on a query that includes one or
10 more keywords, [[+]]
11 2 [[b]]) receiving at least one of the one or
12 more keywords, [[+]] and
13 3 [[c]]) generating a set of final search
14 results from the search results that were
15 received, the act of generating being performed
16 by using one or more segments of the search
17 results, wherein each of the one or more segments
18 used includes at least one of the one or more
19 keywords.

1 Claim 50 (currently amended): The apparatus
2 ~~[[computer readable medium]]~~ of claim 49 wherein the at
3 least one storage device ~~[[including]]~~ further stores
4 processor ~~[[machine]]~~ executable instructions which, when
5 executed by the at least one processor ~~[[a machine]]~~,
6 generate the set of final search results by
7 A ~~[[1]]~~) determining, using the one or
8 more keywords, whether or not a candidate
9 search result is similar to a search result
10 already in the set of final search results,
11 and
12 B ~~[[2]]~~) adding the candidate search
13 result to the set of final search results
14 only if it is determined that the candidate
15 search result is not similar to any search
16 results already in the set of final search
17 result.

1 Claim 51 (previously presented): An apparatus for
2 processing search results, the apparatus comprising:
3 a) a storage facility for storing search results that
4 were generated based on a query that includes one or
5 more keywords and for storing at least one of the one
6 or more keywords; and
7 b) a final results generator for generating a set of
8 final search results from the search results stored in
9 the storage facility using segments of the search
10 results, wherein each of the segments includes at
11 least one of the one or more keywords stored in the
12 storage facility.

1 Claim 52 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim
2 51 wherein the final set generator includes
3 1) a similarity determination facility for
4 determining, using the one or more keywords,
5 whether or not a search result is similar to a
6 search result already in the set of final
7 search results, and
8 2) means for adding the search results to the
9 set of final search results only if the
10 similarity determination facility determines
11 that the search result is not similar to any
12 search results already in the set of final
13 search result.

Claim 53 (canceled)

1 Claim 54 (previously presented): The method of claim 46
2 wherein the act of generating a set of final search results
3 from the search results received includes using comparisons
4 of the segments of the search results.

1 Claim 55 (previously presented): The method of claim 46
2 wherein the set of final search results includes Web pages.

Claim 56 (canceled)

1 Claim 57 (currently amended): The apparatus
2 [[~~computer-readable medium~~]] of claim 49 wherein the at
3 least one storage device further stores processor
4 [[~~including machine~~]] executable instructions which, when
5 executed by the at least one processor [[~~a machine~~]],
6 generate a set of final search results from the search

7 results received by using comparisons of the segments of
8 the search results.

1 Claim 58 (currently amended): The apparatus
2 ~~[[computer-readable-medium]]~~ of claim 49 wherein the set of
3 final search results includes Web pages.

Claim 59 (canceled)

1 Claim 60 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 51
2 wherein the final results generator includes
3 - means for generating the set of final search
4 results from the search results stored using
5 comparisons of the segments of the search
6 results.

1 Claim 61 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 51
2 wherein the set of final search results includes Web pages.

1 Claim 62 (previously presented): The method of claim 46
2 wherein the acts (a), (b) and (c) of the method are
3 performed automatically, without the need for user
4 intervention.

1 Claim 63 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 51
2 wherein the final results generator operates automatically,
3 without the need for user intervention.

1 Claim 64 (previously presented): The method of claim 46
2 wherein the segments are windows defined by a predetermined
3 number of characters.

1 Claim 65 (previously presented): The method of claim 46
2 wherein the segments are windows defined by a predetermined
3 number of words.

1 Claim 66 (previously presented): The method of claim 46
2 wherein the segments are sentences.

1 Claim 67 (previously presented): The method of claim 46
2 wherein the segments are paragraphs.

1 Claim 68 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 51
2 wherein the segments are windows defined by a predetermined
3 number of characters.

1 Claim 69 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 51
2 wherein the segments are windows defined by a predetermined
3 number of words.

1 Claim 70 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 51
2 wherein the segments are sentences.

1 Claim 71 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 51
2 wherein the segments are paragraphs.

1 Claim 72 (new): A method for processing search results,
2 the method comprising acts of:
3 a) receiving search results that have been generated
4 based on a query that includes one or more keywords;
5 b) receiving at least one of the one or more
6 keywords;
7 c) identifying query-specific duplicate documents by
8 comparing one or more segments of documents

9 corresponding to the search results, wherein each of
10 the one or more segments includes at least one of the
11 one or more keywords; and
12 d) generating a set of final search results from the
13 received set of search results using the identified
14 query-specific duplicate documents such that the set
15 of final search results does not include two search
16 results corresponding to two query-specific duplicate
17 documents.